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SUBJECT: NIXON REPLY TO BRANDT LETTER REPORTED

1. THE GERMAN PRESS AGENCY DPA REPORTED NOVEMBER 2 THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS REPLIED TO THE LETTER OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND SAID THE REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN BONN WITH "SATISFACTION." IN REPLY TO A QUESTION AT TODAY'S GOVERNMENT PRESS CONFERENCE, ACTING SPOKESMAN BURGER REFERRED TO THE DPA REPORT AND SAID HE COULD ONLY CONFIRM ITS STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT IN HIS LETTER SAID HE REGARDS THE RECENT DIFFICULTIES AS BASICALLY SETTLED. THE DPA REPORT, DATED BONN AND WASHINGTON, WAS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENTS IN BONN AND WASHINGTON HAVE LARGELY ELIMINATED THEIR RECENT DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS RESULTING FROM CLANDESTINE AMERICAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL FROM FRG TERRITORY. IN HIS REPLY TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S LETTER OF LAST WEEKEND, PRESIDENT NIXON INDICATED THAT HE CONSIDERS THE DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS AS BASICALLY SETTLED. NIXON SUGGESTED TO BRANDT JOINT CONCENTRATION ON CONTINUING INTENSIVE WORK ON THE ENVISAGED DECLARATION ON FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

3. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RUEDIGER VON WECHMAR LAST NIGHT CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF NIXON'S LETTER. HE SAID THE

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LETTER WAS FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT,  
WHO IS ON A SHORT VACATION IN SOUTHERN FRANCE.

4. AUTHORIZED BONN QUARTERS TOOK NOTE OF NIXON'S LETTER  
WITH SATISFACTION. CALLING IT 'FRIENDLY' AND 'MATTER-  
OF FACT,' THEY CONSIDER THE LETTER A GOOD RESULT OF  
BRANDT'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

4. IN AN EFFORT TO OVERCOME LATEST VENSION IN GERMAN-  
AMERICAN RELATIONS, BRANDT HAD CONFIRMED IN HIS LETTER  
TO NIXON THAT NATO SOLIDARITY AND ADHESION OF THE  
ALLIANCE HAS HIGHEST PRIORITY IN BONN GOVERNMENT'S  
POLICY. EXPRESSING HIMSELF FOR STRENGTHENING THE AL-  
LIANCE, THE CHANCELLOR HAD STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF  
CLOSE COMMUNICATION AMONG THE ALLIES. END TEXT.

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